

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to ask a question of Senator Warner, please.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Warner, will you respond.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, in your amendment what does a city planning commission have to report? Would they have the same reporting as a county planning commission?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CLARK: You didn't specifically specify anything less?

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you. I couldn't possibly vote for this bill when you put the city planning commissions' into it. The reason being that I'm from Cheyenne County. The whole Planning Commission of Cheyenne County quit en masse. They did not misinterpret the bill as Senator Simon would have you believe. They had a form to fill out. They didn't do it hastily. They went over the entire form and said we're getting nothing for this job, we get no thanks, we only get the butt end of the jokes here, and we're not going to take it and have to fill anything else out and disclose. It isn't that they have anything to hide, it's the fact that they're not going to possibly fill out that kind of stuff. The bad thing about this legislation, the bad thing about the Sunshine Act is that you assume everyone working for the public is crooked. That is the first assumption. You're going to cure it by having someone fill out forms. How silly can that be. It's just about as silly to vote for things, to get other people into it, in order to kick the bill out later. If you really want to get everyone into it and get this thing disturbed, you're going to get the city planning commission in it. They get no money anyway. What is going to happen is they're going to quit en masse. I suppose there are those idiots that would serve on those boards that have absolutely no knowledge of what they're doing. We're going to have chaos in this state only because someone calls, such as Common Cause, and says that everyone is crooked and the public has a right to know. I've been Vice Chairman of the Conflicts of Interest Committee. We've collected from everyone in here where they get their incomes. I don't know of anyone that has ever come in and looked at the records. If you want to spend two or three million dollars to collect records, and then build a warehouse to put them in, and no one is going to look at them, I think that Sunshine Act is just about as crazy as anything. It's not going to make anyone honest. If your assumption is that public servants are dishonest, we should have a simple bill then and put in there that all public servants have to be honest. It will have just as much affect as this darn Sunshine thing. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair is going to take this opportunity to introduce some friends of Senator Merz, the people sitting up in the North balcony who are from the American Agricultural Movement. We would like to welcome them to their Legislature at this time. Welcome to you visitors this afternoon. Stand up, will you please. Thank you. Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. All right. He passes. Senator Merz.